

Maranatha News

Maranatha Free Lutheran Churches

November 2011

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From the PASTOR

“WRESTLING IN PRAYER”

Preaching on prayer is the privilege of this pastor. I have always loved to pray. I can remember when I was in grade school singing the chorus from “In the Garden” ~ He walks with me and talks with me and tells me I am His own.

This is not to say that prayer hasn’t been a struggle. Some days it is easy to pray and at other times prayer is hard work. Then there are the times when the answer comes right away and times when I prayed and the answer I wanted never came.

Reading O. Hallesby book on prayer has been a help to me. Hallesby has a chapter titled “Wrestling in Prayer”. Hallesby writes, “wrestling in prayer has often been misunderstood. It has been conceived of as a struggle in prayer against God, the thought being God withholds His gifts as long as possible. They must be wrung from Him in one way or another. Prayer is looked upon as a means by which God can be made to relent, and be moved to give us an answer to our prayers. And if our prayers do succeed in accomplishing this it is because we have fought with God, stormed Him with supplications, convinced Him by our crying needs, and on the whole, persevered until He has yielded. This view of wrestling in prayer is pagan, and not Christian.

“God is Himself good. It is not necessary for us to pray

or wrestle in prayer in order to make God kind or gentle.” But there is a battle in prayer but not with God. The wrestling is with me, inside and out my selfish, sinful, lazy flesh. I battle, struggle with:

1. Distractions in prayer
2. Doubts in prayer
3. Taking time to pray
4. Praying any length of time for others
5. Praying when I don’t see an immediate answer
6. Praying when the Lord is silent

The Lord knew praying on our part would be a weakness. Paul writes in *Romans 8:26* “*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.*”

Taking my eyes off of myself and unto the Spirit and His Word brings great hope, *Romans 8:32* “*He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all— how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”*

Pastor Curt

**Maranatha Free Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
October 12, 2011**

- I. Present: Howard Scheuring, Larry Swenson, Glenn Urlacher, Charity Erickson, Del Pollach, Bev Mondt and Lana Davis.
- II. Vice President Glenn Urlacher opened the meeting
- III. Lana Davis read the Secretary's report. Larry made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Howard seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Bev Mondt gave the Treasurer's report.
 - A. The Ulen Café has been paid in full. We now own the building.
 - B. General fund expenses were higher than average for the month of September.
 - C. 2012 Budgets will be analyzed at the November council meeting. The Finance Board did not get a chance to meet before our October meeting.
 - D. Larry made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Howard seconded. Motion carried.
- V. Board of Deacons-Larry Swenson
 - A. Half of the Thanksgiving offering will go the Good Samaritan fund and half to our missionary, Tomasz Chmiel. Half of the Christmas offering will go to the Good Samaritan fund and half to our missionary, Andy Coyle.
 - B. They are working on a list of inactive members and a plan for contacting them and encouraging their involvement in our congregational life.
- VI. Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck's Report
 - A. He was pleased with our congregation's involvement in the "Impact the Red River Valley" campaign.
 - B. He and the other pastors want to express their appreciation for the festivities, cards and gifts given on Pastor Appreciation Sunday.
 - C. Annie wrote a thank you note to the congregation expressing her appreciation for the new computer in her office. It makes things much more convenient for her.
- VII. Board of Trustees-Del Pollach
 - A. They offer a thank you to Cliff Langerud

for donating the labor to replace the water heater in the education wing.

- B. They have voiced concerns about the light fixtures being damaged in the education wing. They ask people to be respectful of the church property.

VIII. Board of Worship & Music-Charity Erickson

- A. They finished their budget for 2012.

IX. Board of Ed-Howard Scheuring

- A. They finished their budget for 2012.
- B. They have been discussing some ideas for an additional adult Sunday school class. A "Courageous" Bible Study is one possibility; similar to the "Fireproof" Bible Study we had a few years ago.
- C. They are organizing a program for children with special needs to be held on Wednesday nights.

X. Old Business-None

XI. New Business

- A. Larry brought up having a benefit for Bruce and Sheila Smith on November 13th, from 11:30 to 2:00. They are looking into matching funds from Thrivent. Howard made a motion to have the benefit. Del seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Bev Hurner sent a thank you note for the donations for the meals provided for the "Impact the Red River Valley" campaign. God really blessed with that whole experience, even providing grocery sales at just the right time.
- C. Charity reminded the council new positions are needed for the Board of Worship & Music. One for Glyndon and one for Ulen.

In His Service,
Lana Davis

Pastor Preaching Schedule for November is:

Glyndon: Pastor Seth Forness - 6
Pastor Curt Frankhauser - 13
Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck - 20; 27

Ulen: Pastor Curt Frankhauser - 6; 23; 27
23-Thanksgiving Eve)
Pastor Lloyd Quanbeck - 13
- 20

WMF (Women's Missionary Federation)

Afternoon WMF :

The afternoon WMF met at the church at 1:00pm on October 11, 2011. There were 9 ladies and 1 boy present. Mary Ellen Ward served as our hostess.

Jeanie Rasmussen gave the Bible study, based on Genesis 46:1-47:28. It emphasized the importance of "Family".

President Pat Palloch opened our business meeting with prayer. Jeanie gave the secretary's report and Anne Manderud gave the treasurer's report. Both were approved.

Old Business:

- 1) The Retreat at Inspiration Point was a success.
- 2) Everything is all set for the District WMF Fall Rally which our three WMF's are hosting on October 15.
- 3) Lila Ebner talked about the First-Choice Clinic Walk that she had participated in. The walk was 2-miles long. She said she had a good experience.

New Business:

- 1) Lila made a motion, seconded by Doris Dahl to send \$50 to Home Missions.
- 2) The 2012 Bible study is entitled "Pearls for a Princess", written by Faylin Myhre.
- 3) The WMF Executive Board meeting will be on October 19 @ 5:00pm.

We had a season of prayer, after which we enjoyed a delicious lunch served by Mary Ellen.

In His service,
Jeanie Rasmussen

WMF in Ulen:

On October 17th the Ulen WMF met with 9 ladies present. Ellen Zillmer opened the meeting and lead the Bible Study. Business meeting was called to order and the Secretaries report was read and approved. Treasures report was given by our treasurer Emelyn Fevig. She reported that 50 dollars was given to the general fund for this month.

Old business:

- 1) Reported that 4 gift baskets were made up and delivered. Three to new school teachers, and one to a new resident of Ulen.
- 2) WMF rally at Maranatha Glyndon was discussed and a mention of dues to the WMF district treasury was discussed.

New Business:

- 1) This year the Thanksgiving Eve service will be held in Ulen. A sign up sheet for bringing bars and cookies for that event will be posted.
- 2) Six women from Maranatha-Ulen will be going to the "Woman of Faith" event held in St. Paul.
- 3) Ellen Zillmer will be contacting John and Ruby Abel to get more information on Miriam Home and what needs they might have.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Table prayer was sung and Lunch was served by Irma Hendrickson.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Wright, Sec.



Ulen Parish Nurse. Check with Mary Ann Schneidermann as she will be taking blood pressures on the 4th Sunday of each month. Anyone wishing to have this done should see her in Pastor Curt's office.

WMF/Giggles Minutes for September:

The Evening WMF/Giggles met at the church September 27th at 6:30pm. We finished our discussion on the book "Soul Surfer" and much planning was done for the upcoming Fall Rally. During the planning, we enjoyed wonderful refreshments by Chanyce Dahl. President Melody Okke called the business meeting to order with prayer. The Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and approved.

Fall Rally:

*The Rally will be held October 15th, from 9am-3pm. The theme is "Living to Serve" and the speakers will be Jonathan and Tamba Abel.

*The Signing Choir will be practicing Wednesdays nights at 6:10pm in a Sunday School Room in preparation for a performance at the Rally.

*A work night will be held Thursday, October 13th at 6:30pm to prepare food and decorate. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to come!

Old Business:

*The "Soul Surfer" movie night was a big hit with 37 people attending, of which 6 were nonmembers. The only cost was \$74 for the pizza and this was covered by the Outreach fund.

*The Women's Retreat was attended by 30 people and it was very inspirational.

*Amy Johnson participated in the First Choice Clinic Walk and raised over \$600.00.

New Business:

*\$50 will be used to purchase items for names from a Christmas Giving Tree. Motion passed.

*50 will be sent for the September mission which is the WMF General Fund. Motion passed.

*The executive WMF boards will meet October 19th at 5pm.

The date for our next meeting will be announced at a later time.

Motion to adjourn by Janet Boe and second by Sara Dravland.

Submitted by Kristine Quanbeck

No October meeting was held.



EGG "Enjoying God's Gifts"

will meet on Friday,
November 11th at the Ulen
church from 10am - 9pm.
Come and enjoy a day of
quilting, scrap booking, etc..
and fellowship together!

Jail Chaplain's Dessert and Appreciation Event and Fundraiser

Sheila Raye Charles
Behind the Shades



JAIL CHAPLAINS Jail Chaplain's 2011
Dessert
Appreciation Event and
Fundraiser

Tuesday, November 15

5 p.m.-7 p.m Social and Silent Auction
7 p.m Program and Concert

Ramada Plaza Suites 1635 42nd St S Fargo, ND

Tickets \$15 per person for Program and Concert
or \$120 for Reserved table for 8

Sheila Raye Charles is the daughter of the famous performer Ray Charles.

Her journey took a jagged path with many casualties. Sheila Raye Charles' story starts with sexual abuse as a child and ends in federal prison in Bryan, TX. It includes a 15 yr crack-cocaine addiction, losing custody of all five of her children, and the depths of physical violence. Compounding all of this was the fact that she is a daughter of the legendary Ray Charles who was recently named #2 on the 100 Greatest Singers of All Time by Rolling Stone Magazine.

When she finally surrendered to God's will, she was at her lowest point and desperate for relief from the personal pain she had created. She transparently shares her story and amazing testimony of God's greatness with heart-warming stories and powerful vocal selections, connecting audiences to the power and love of God along with the flavor of the past of her father Ray.

"The minute you took the mic to address the audience your passion and deliverance story were gripping...and then there's 'the voice'. Tim, Los Angeles



Underwritten by:



Tickets available online at www.jailchaplains.com or at all Hornbacher's

Here are some words from the heart of Jenny from Charlie Pod at the Cass County Jail. The programs through Jail Chaplains are changing lives each day. The wonderful gift of a Recovery Bible gives inmates a track to run on and understanding through the footnotes.

The Promise

My Lord spoke to me today
Here's what he had to say.
Look to me when you're sad
And let go of all that's bad.

I died on a cross for you
And all the other sinners too.
So lay your troubles at my feet
And you will find the peace you seek.

Always keep your eyes on me
And surely victory you will see
For I am the darkest of all nights
And also the brightest of the light.

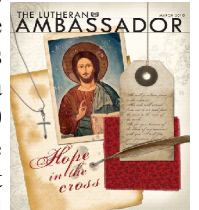
I am also there when you fall
You know I'm there through it all
I am the shepherd you are the sheep
And I will guide you if my word you keep.

Thanks!

Thanks to Bob and his helper Jocie Herzog for preparing and serving the delicious meal for Pastor Appreciation Sunday at Ulen. It was wonderful and was appreciated so much.

Lutheran Ambassador Magazine Subscriptions

The Lutheran Ambassador subscriptions are due this month. We subscribe to the Ambassador for families that are members or who have attended here regularly for a length of time. Subscriptions are \$19.00 per household and paid for by Finance Board, so if you are not reading or do not wish to receive them anymore please call the office and let Annie know. *If you enjoy receiving this magazine, we are more than willing to make sure you continue to receive it.*



We Invite YOU to join in 'Ringing the Bells'



The congregational family at Maranatha Free Lutheran Glyndon and Ulen are taking on an exciting project to help the needy in Cass and Clay counties. They have decided to take the lead to organize volunteers to 'ring ALL the bells' in Fargo/Moorhead at The Salvation Army kettles on Saturday, November 19th.

To accomplish our goal we need your help!

- When:** Saturday, November 19
- Kettle sites:** 19 located across Fargo/Moorhead
- Shifts:** 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

We are encouraging our church family of all ages to get involved. This will provide an opportunity to visit and encourage one another while getting to know one another better.

The Army's spiritual and social services affect the lives of thousands of people in our community. These services are all provided as a way to share the love of Jesus. Hundreds of volunteers have shared their time, talent and treasure to help provide this assistance.

Please consider helping us 'ring the bells'. Many of the youth and a good number of adults here at Maranatha have been involved in the previous years and we want to expand on our witness in the community. Talk to your family and friends and decide what time of the day will fit in your schedule the best.

Thank you to the Men and women, family and friends who are serving our Country, here at home or in other countries, and those who are serving through Peace Corps:

We would like the addresses of these individuals so that we may send cards or letters of encouragement. Please let Bev Hurner or the office know. Please let us know of changes or errors we may have listed or not listed.



Listed below is service men & women who are active:

Andy Heisinger, husband of Tracy (Klevgaard) Heisinger

Shannon Zentz, Grandson-in-law of Pat Johnson

Marcus Young, John & Terrie Enlow's niece's husband

Jonathan Taylor, grandson of Fran Jenson

Cody Jenson, son of Bob & Lisa Jenson

Joseph Flores & Christopher Buchfink sons of Jay & Trudy Buchfink

Brady Oberg, son of Russ & Char Oberg

Lindsey Tweten, daughter of Wayne Tweten + Melinda Schnase

John Hurd, grandson of Roger & Sharon Wright

Luke Koerner, grandson of Roger & Sharon Wright



SaltTeens: 7:00pm in Glyndon

EVENTS

November 19: Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Looking ahead:

December 2-3: SaltTeens Lock-in

Young Adults Fellowship

Young Adult Bible Studies meet Sunday nights at 6:30pm alternating each week between Pastor Seth's home and Jessie Zillmer's home. If interested or for more information, please contact Pastor Seth at (701)580-0544.

Maranatha Churches are pleased to once again support Operation Christmas Child.

What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, brings joy and hope to needy children around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 86 million shoe box gifts have been delivered to children in more than 130 countries. Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and



physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

You can take part in this exciting project! Simply take an ordinary shoebox and fill it with toys and other gifts. Don't forget that the most important item to pack in your shoe box is prayer. Remember to pray especially for the child who will receive your shoe box.

There are brochures that explain how to pack a shoebox at each church. There are shoeboxes, in the entry at Glyndon and also at Ulen. Plastic shoeboxes can be used if you prefer. **Drop off filled boxes at the church by Sunday, November 20.**

May you be wonderfully blessed and filled with joy as you bless a precious child through this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzy Olek at 498-2164 or Ruth Larson at 494-3457.

Bruce Smith Benefit

Sunday, November 13th

11:30 – 2:00 PM

**Pancakes, French toast,
Swedish Pancakes & Sausage**

FREEWILL OFFERING!

Activities include:

- Cake Walk
- Photo Contest

Seeking 4x6 or 5x7 photos in the following categories:

Nature – Pets – People

*photos may or may not be returned

Plans are well under way for the benefit for Bruce & Sheila Smith. Many hands will be needed to assist with food preparation, serving, cleanup, games and greeting.

A sign up sheet is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board that lists food donation items and another for work assignments. Please review the sign up sheets to see how the Lord might lead you to assist.

Because the Smiths reside in Clay County, we were able to apply for and receive a matching funds grant from Dakota Medical Foundation's Lend-A-Hand program that will match the funds raised up to \$5,000.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Titus Johnson	November 01
Clay Johnson	November 01
Dave Kosen	November 02
Lance Graff	November 02
J.J. Holloway	November 03
Mary Ellen Ward	November 03
Abby Dahl	November 03
Ray Jacobsen	November 04
Jeanie Rasmussen	November 05
Joe Olek	November 05
Mary Langerud	November 07
Gage Marjama	November 07
Nick Casler	November 07
Kristi Schneidermann	November 07
Terrie Enlow	November 08
Kirsten Bates	November 08
Josiah Hurner	November 08
Andrew Larson	November 08
Jessica Green	November 09
Bev Wagner	November 10
Mandi Cochran	November 10
Joanne Erickson	November 10
Daniel Rugroden	November 11
Savannah Johnson	November 12
Nic Sivertson	November 12
Erin Dahl	November 13
Allison Schneidermann	November 13
Elizabeth Shaya	November 14
Kaleb Knutson	November 14
Kris Schlieper	November 14
Jerome Trautmann	November 14
Cooper Kvien	November 16
Rollie Peterson	November 17
Jason Strand	November 17
Roy Tweten	November 17
Taylor Macziewski	November 17
Michelle Bekkerus	November 17
Loren Wibbels	November 17
Leane Trautmann	November 17
Mae Forysthe	November 19
SuZ Haefele	November 19
Drake Barbee	November 19
Aaron Rudebusch	November 20

Darrell Menholt	November 21
Matthew Quanbeck	November 21
Ashlyn Lockner	November 21
Alyssa Johnson	November 22
Samuel Quanbeck	November 22
Brandon Sivertson	November 23
Kaylee Pender	November 24
Allen Wibbels	November 24
Isabel Toms	November 25
Craig Hurner	November 25
Stephanie Tweten	November 25
Linda Nelson	November 26
Marlysa Ladwig	November 26
Judah Jore	November 26
Dan Olson	November 26
Bob Jacobsen	November 28
Cliff Langerud	November 28
Chris Fuglie	November 28
Olivia Heisinger	November 28
Trey Garrett	November 28
Amy Johnson	November 30
Ken Sivertson	November 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Kim Kosen	November 04
David & Kristi Schneidermann	November 09
Tim & Lori Pender	November 19
Lance & Lois Graff	November 21
Norlin & Kathy Davis	November 22
Kris & Angela Schlieper	November 24
Greg & Ellen Zillmer	November 24
Daniel & Marilyn Green	November 25
Dwight & MaryBeth Fevig	November 27
Craig & Carla Hurner	November 30

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PRAYER may not always remove the problem but it does enable you to face it restfully, joyously and victoriously.